

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:207

ANSWERED ON:08.12.2011

MEDICAL FACILITIES IN TRAINS

Das Shri Bhakta Charan; Roy Shri Arjun

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the long distance trains have first aid facilities including augmented first aid boxes;
- (b) if so, whether Railway staff has been trained in imparting first aid to sick/injured passengers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the pilot project for arrangement of a doctor and paramedical staff with life saving drugs in Duronto trains has been successful and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Railways to ensure that needy passengers get timely medical assistance/first aid during the course of their journey?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a)to(e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY IN PARTS (a)TO(e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.207 BY SHRI ARJUN RAY AND SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.12.2011 REGARDING MEDICAL FACILITIES IN TRAINS.

(a) Yes, Madam. All long distance passenger carrying trains carry First Aid Box and nominated trains including Rajdhani/Shatabdi have augmented First Aid Box.

(b)and(c): Yes, Madam. The front line staff viz. Guards, Train Superintendents, Train Ticket Examiners, Train Conductors, Station Masters etc. are trained in rendering First Aid. Refresher courses in First Aid are organized periodically for such staff.

(d) The Pilot Project is in its initial phase and the feedback is being evaluated.

(e) Railways have already ensured availability of First Aid facilities at all the railway stations and in all passenger carrying trains. Front line railway staff on the train and at railway stations are trained in rendering First Aid to needy passengers. Railway doctors are on call at railway stations. Doctors who are traveling as passengers are also called in to give medical assistance. There is a list of nearby hospitals and doctors with the station master, whose services are availed in emergencies. Trains can also make unscheduled halts en-route if necessary.